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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, amend paragraph [0010] as:

[0010] Figure 3 is a top plan view of the baseball batting practice device of the present invention in which phantom lines show a destination angular position to which a stand stands that supports a baseball thereon is to moved from an initial angular position shown in solid lines.

Page 3, amend paragraph [0012] as:

[0012] Also referring to Figure 2, the rotary mechanism 18 comprises a toothed disc 24 fixed to the top face 14 of the home plate 12 by any known means. A threaded rod 19, serving as the center axle 20 of the rotary mechanism 18, vertically extends through the home plate 12 and a center of the disc 24. An elongate channel bar 28 has top and bottom walls 30, 32. Aligned holes 34 are defined in the top and bottom walls 30, 32 of the bar 28 at a location close to an inner end of the bar 28. The threaded rod [[20]] 19 extends through the holes 34 and engages a nut 36 thereby securing the bar 28 to the home plate 14 with the bottom wall 32 of the bar opposing the top face 14 of the home plate 12 and the bar 28 being allowed to rotate about the threaded rod [[20]] 19. Preferably, a washer 38 is interposed between the nut 36 and the top wall 30 of the bar 28. Thus, the bar 28 extends radially with respect to the center axle 20.

Pages 4-5, amend paragraph [0016] as:

[0016] Also referring to Figure 3, to change the angular position of the stand 16 and thus the baseball (not shown) supported thereon, one simply holds the stand 16 (or

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alternatively, the bar 28) and rotates about the center axle 20 with [[such]] a sufficient torque so as to overcome the resilient engagement between the pawl member 40 and the toothed disc 24. Thus, the engagement between the pawl member 40 and the toothed disc 24 is broken and the stand 16 is free of constraint in angular displacement. One advances the stand 16 as far as one wishes from an initial or current position (shown in solid lines in Figure 3) to any desired destination position (shown in phantom lines) along the center axle 20. The biasing force of the resilient member 46 automatically re-assumes the engagement between pawl member 40 and the toothed disc 24 thereby securely retaining the stand 16 at the desired angular position.